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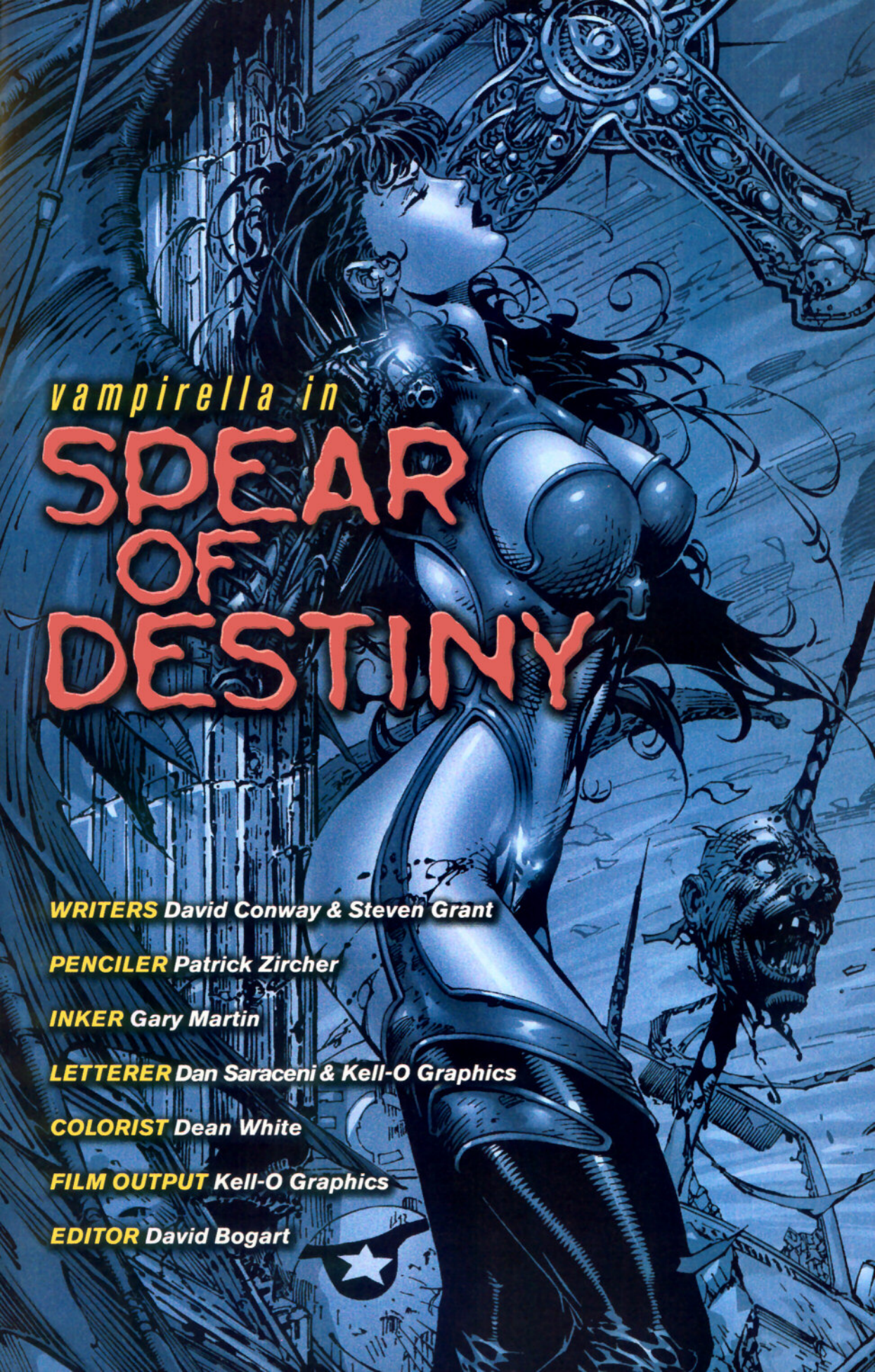
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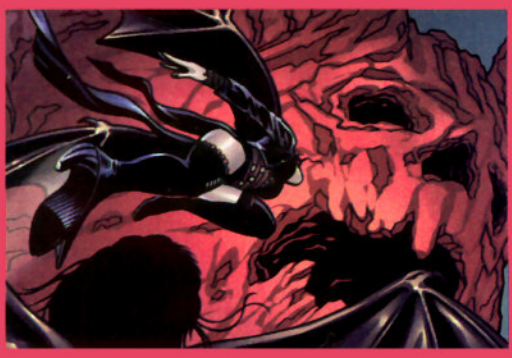
THE STORY SO FAR

Searching for the mysterious power source she felt when she possessed Lady Death's powers, Vampirella has gone to the dreaded Mt. Drak'un with Lorelei. Convinced that this Heart of Hell can revive Drakulon, Vampirella goes in, only to be confronted by the Voidswarm.



Dead vampires, most of whom have been killed by Vampirella. The Voidswarm are without physical bodies, and are immune to all of Vampirella's weapons. Using Lorelei to lure Vampirella to the Heart, they want nothing more than to make Vampirella suffer and join them.

Up in heaven, Vampirella's quest for the Heart has not gone unnoticed. The enigmatic angel Metatron looks on and ponders how and when Heaven should intercede and kill Vampirella.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, METATRON? THAT... THAT THING IS MALKUTH'S HEART?
BUT SHE WAS ONE OF US?
YES, SHE WAS ONE OF US...
"THE GREATEST AND MOST PERFECT OF ALL HIS CREATIONS, THE FIRST BLESSED WITH THE GIFT OF FREE WILL-- THE ABILITY TO CHOOSE..."
"MALKUTH'S HERESY FANNED THE FLAMES OF REVOLT..."
...AND THERE WAS WAR IN HEAVEN."
"SHE CHOSE EVIL."
WHY BE SLAVES WHEN WE CAN RULE CREATION?
NOT SINCE THE DAWN OF CREATION HAD BLOOD BEEN SPILT."
"UNTIL THAT MOMENT."

WITH THAT *ONE RASH ACT*, THE MEASURE OF LIFESPANS--*TIME ITSELF*--BEGAN."

"*DEATH* ENTERED CREATION FOR THE *FIRST TIME*..."

"AND *PROLIFERATED*... LIKE A *CANCER*."

"MY *LANCE* TRAPPED MALKUTH'S EVIL IN HER *EXTRACTED HEART*, FOR IT COULD *NEVER* BE DESTROYED."

HER IMMORTAL ESSENCE *GREW AND FESTERED* FOR *AEONS*. IT IS THE *LIFESOURCE* OF THE HELL CALLED *DRAKULON*, THE *ENTIRE VAMPIRE RACE*.

THE TETRAGRAMMATON REVEALS THE *BEGINNING* AND THE *ENDTIME*--THE DESTINY OF *VAMPIRELLA*, A CREATURE OF LILITH MADE *IN MALKUTH'S IMAGE*.

BUT, METATRON, YOU SAID THAT VAMPIRELLA WAS A CREATURE OF *GOOD*. SHE WOULD *NEVER SERVE EVIL*, SURELY?

"NOT *WILLINGLY*."

"BUT LILITH'S *GENIUS* WAS TO CREATE A BEING WHO COULD TURN *HEAVEN'S* WEAPONS *AGAINST CREATION ITSELF*."

"THE STAKE AND THE CROSS--SACRED ICONS--ALL *INVOKE* THE POWER OF THE *ORIGINAL* TRIUMPH OF LIGHT OVER DARKNESS."

"BUT DESTROYING THEIR *BODIES* MERELY *FREED THEIR SOULS* TO FEED THE HEART OF HELL, *INCREASING ITS POWER*."

"LILITH *BETRAYED* HER DAUGHTER, TAINTING HER *INNOCENCE* WITH HER OWN *IRREDEEMABLE SIN*."

"IF VAMPIRELLA REMOVES MY LANCE, MALKUTH'S EVIL WILL BE FREED ONCE MORE, MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER."
"LILITH PLANNED IT THIS WAY, TO USE MY WEAPON--THE LANCE OF HEAVEN'S CHAMPION--TO BRING DOWN ALL OF CREATION."
THE HEART OF HELL!
MY GOD, IT ISN'T A MYTH!
No... Vampirella... Our god
We... are Hell's... true creatures... It belongs... to us.
The last... thing... ya'll ever... see.
YOUR ROUTINE IS GETTING OLD.
MAYBE METAPHYSICAL WEAPONS CAN'T HURT YOU...

SO LET'S GET PHYSICAL!
Go ahead... fight.
None... of us...is going... anywhere.
Besides... we enjoy...a little ...foreplay.
OH YEAH?

NOT ON A FIRST DATE, CREEP

How does it feel...too look... into...the...jaws of death?

We'll suck out... your...very soul, Vampirella.

SO, ANYONE ELSE FEELING HORNY?

WELL, SUCK ON THIS-

Enough... games.

Finish... the bitch... now!

FORGET LOOKING!

ORAL HYGIENE IS OBVIOUSLY A FORIEGN CONCEPT TO YOU, DOGBREATH.

UNARMED

STAY OUT OF MY WAY!
I'M HERE TO SAVE DRAKULON TO REVIVE THE HEART OF HELL.
NOTHING ELSE MATTERS!
YOU SEE, UZIEL? NOTHING WILL STOP HER.
DESTINY ORDAINS IT.
I MUST END THIS.
METATRON, NO!
HELL IS FORBIDDEN TO US. YOU'LL-- DAMN YOURSELF.
IF SIN IS THE ONLY ROAD TO SALVATION, I HAVE NO CHOICE.
NO! YOU'RE CHIEF OF THE WAR-HOST.
YOU'RE HIS REGENT IN HEAVEN.
YOU'RE...
YOU'RE MY FRIEND.
YOUR PLACE IS HERE...

"HE SENT THE SOUL OF HER LOVER, ADAM VAN HELSING, TO REDEEM DRAKULON."
"EVEN YOU CAN'T CHANGE GOD'S PLANS."
VAMPIRELLA.
WHAT IN HELL COULD CAUSE THAT LIGHT? NO ONE GOES TO THE FORBIDDEN MOUNTAIN.
YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHERE SHE WAS.
WHAT'S GOING ON, LORELEI?
I... I LED VAMPIRELLA TO MT. DRAK'UN, TO THE HEART OF HELL AND THE VOIDSWARM.
FOR GOD'S SAKE, WHY?
I WANTED REVENGE.
I THOUGHT THAT HER DEATH WOULD BRING MOLOCH BACK-- TO ME.
I'M...SORRY, ADAM. BUT NO ONE-- NOT EVEN VAMPIRELLA-- CAN SURVIVE IN THERE.
THAT SPEAR IT'S EMITTING SOME KIND OF POWER. I CAN FEEL IT.
I WONDER WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF I PU--
KRAKOOM!
STOP!
HUH?

An... an...angel?!
HEAVEN'S CHAMPION, SCUM!
DIVINE INTERVENTION?-- COOL!
YOU WON'T TAKE THE LANCE!
THE VOIDSWARM ARE MERELY VERMIN. YOU ARE THE REAL THREAT!
ME!
MAYBE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD, BUT I'M ON THE SIDE OF THE ANGELS!
OWWW!!
"ON THE SIDE OF THE ANGELS?" YES, LILITH ALWAYS DID HAVE A TASTE FOR IRONY.
ULTIMATE EVIL --THE LIFEFORCE OF HELL--RESIDES IN MALKUTH'S HEART. MY LANCE KEEPS IT HERE --I WON'T PERMIT YOU TO RELEASE IT!
YOU?-- YOU DID THIS?!
YOU CONDEMNED DRAKULON TO DIE?!
DRAKULON IS MEANINGLESS-- LET IT DIE.
AS YOU MUST DIE TO PRESERVE THE HOLY SYMMETRY OF CREATION.

No! She...is... ours!
And you... are an...unexpected... but welcome... hors d'ouevre.
FOOLS.
MY POWER IS NOT SYMBOLIC. NOTHING LIVING OR DEAD CAN WITHSTAND IT.
NICE SPEECH, BUT THESE CREEPS ARE THE POST-DEAD. THEY DON'T DIE TWICE.
ABOMINATIONS!
GEE, Y'THINK?
YOU CANNOT WIN, VAMPIRELLA. REPENT NOW AND MEET DEATH WITH A SOUL CLEANSED OF SIN.
SAVE THE SERMON--I'VE GOT A WORLD TO SAVE.
NO, YOU ARE EVIL'S PUPPET, CREATED BY LILITH FOR PLOTS YOU CANNOT COMPREHEND.
SHE DECEIVED YOU.
NO! MY MOTHER NEVER LIED TO ME!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING--
VAMPIRELLA!
OH NO.
YOU'RE CERTAIN THIS IS THE WAY, LORELEI?
IF I DIDN'T NEED YOUR HELP TO FIND VAMPIRELLA, I'M NOT SURE YOU'D STILL BE BREATHING NOW.
MAYBE I DESERVE THAT, BUT NONE OF US WILL BE BREATHING FOR MUCH LONGER NOT WHEN THE VOIDSWARM FIND US.
ADAM, THEY'RE--

MONSTERS!

ADAM, GET OUT NOW!

I SET THESE EVENTS IN MOTION. THE HISTORY OF TIME HAS BEEN WRITTEN IN *BLOOD* EVER SINCE I *MURDERED* MALKUTH.

ONLY *BLOOD* MAY ATONE FOR THE BLOOD ON *MY* HANDS. *YOUR* BLOOD AND YOUR *LOVER'S*.

ADAM-- *NO!*

YOU CAN'T JUST *SHRUG OFF* ADAM'S LIFE LIKE THAT. YOU THINK *YOUR* GUILT CAN BE TRADED AWAY LIKE AN *OLD BASEBALL CARD*.

YOU USED *THIS* THING TO *KILL* DRAKULON, TO IMPRISON ITS LIFEFORCE *HERE* IN ITS *HEART*.

I *WILL* SET IT FREE!

COME *ON*, YOU BASTARD!

I HAVEN'T COME *THIS* FAR TO LET ADAM AND DRAKULON DIE!

OUT, DAMN YOU!

OUT!

YES!

HEAVEN *AND* HELL HAVE *HAD* THEIR TIME-- IT IS TIME FOR A *NEW* AGE.

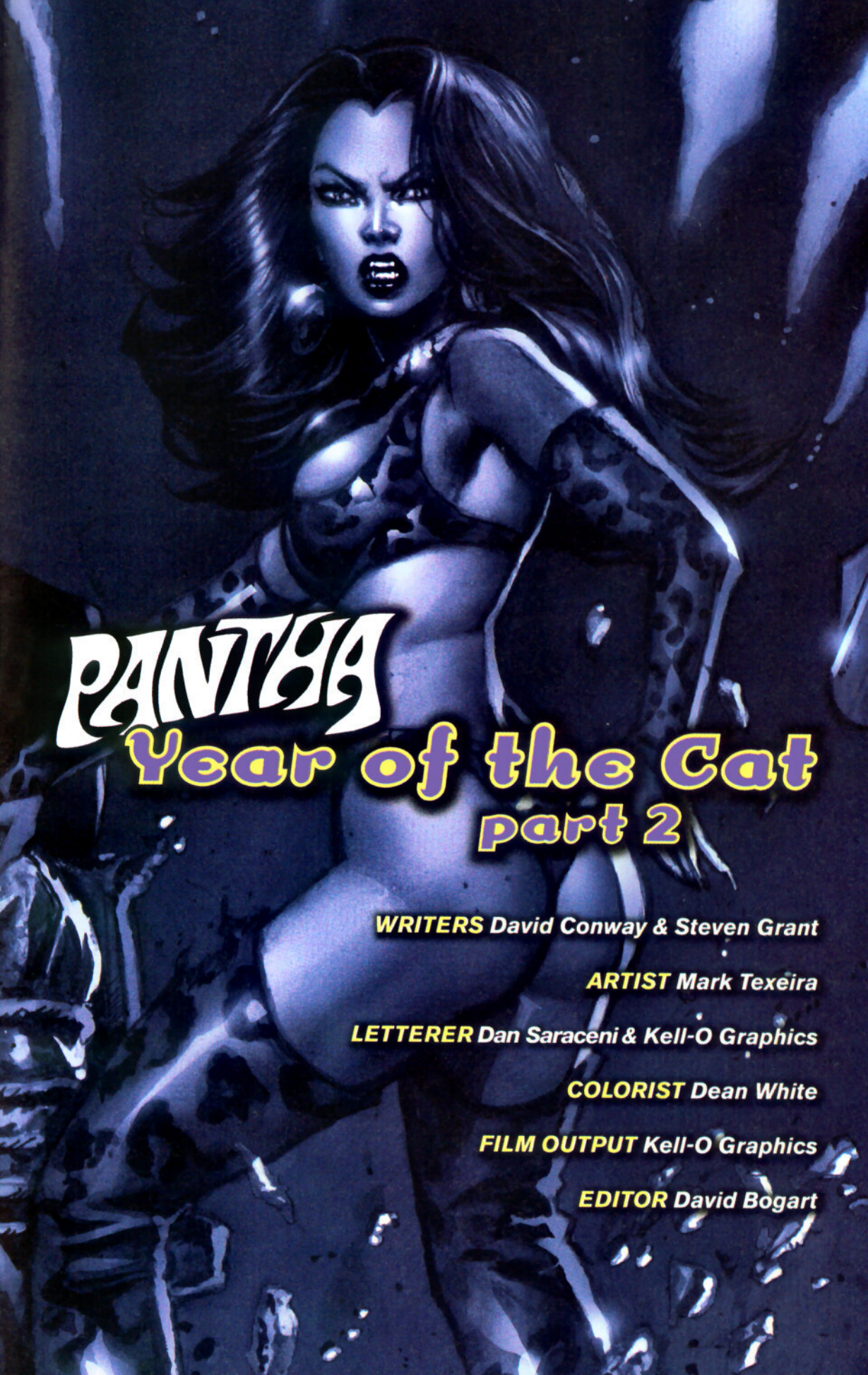
NOW DRAKULON LIVES AGAIN!

I FAILED, LORD. *AGAIN*.

FORGIVE ME.

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, BUTCHERS?
Terror... must eat you... before we do.
Fear... is a spice... we savor.
what... what's happening to me?
what's this?
WOW, DID I DO THAT?
SOMETIMES I EVEN AMAZE MYSELF.
THE VOIDSWARM FEED THE HEART OF EVIL.
FUEL IS ALL THEY TRULY WERE.
HEY, WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHT?
YOU DID. IT'S WHAT YOU WERE BORN FOR--TO REMOVE THE LANCE FROM THE HEART OF DARKNESS--TO UNLEASH THE EVIL.
BUT YOU SAID IT WAS THE SOURCE OF ALL LIFE IN HELL, THE LIFEFORCE OF DRAKULON.
HELL? EVIL? THERE'S A DIFFERENCE?
NOW DARKNESS TRIUMPHS--
"--NOW WE DIE."
OH, GOD, NO!
ADAM--!

...KOFF...
...KOFF...
GODDAMN! THAT...KOFF... DEFINITELY WAS NOT IN THE GAME-PLAN.
ADAM, WHERE ARE YOU?
--ARE YOU...
OKAY--?
OH.
OH S*@%!
WHAT...
WHAT HAVE I DONE?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HER STORY SO FAR

Since Pantha protected the Scarab from Dr. Midwinter in World War II, he has followed her in the hopes of recapturing it. In his hands for only moments, Midwinter has already used the scarab to secure himself immortality. Now, at the end of the millennium, he is ready to hearken in a dark new age, a totalitarian age in which he will be the supreme ruler.

After fighting off Dr. Midwinter's gang in New York, Pantha decides to settle their conflict for good. Leaving Dixie behind with the Sisterhood, she takes the battle to Midwinter's own turf—Berlin.

Seeking refuge in one of her many shrines the Berlin zoo, Pantha is apparently set up by the zookeeper and is confronted by more of Midwinter's men. After disposing of his cronies, she confronts the zookeeper only to find out that he's already been killed.

Before she can react, Dr. Midwinter steps out of the shadows and fires a tranquilizer dart into her...

BERLIN:
"MY MIND DRIFTS BENEATH THE DRUG MIST, AS ATUM DRIFTED UNDER THE PRIMEVAL WATERS, WAITING TO RISE AND BECOME RA, THE SUN. BUT I WAIT FOR MIDWINTER."
"HE WANTS THE SCARAB THAT ONCE TURNED HIM IMMORTAL AND PROMISES MORE POWER. THE SCARAB I TOOK FROM HIM."
"HE WANTS THE SCARAB."
SCHNELL. SCHNELL! BEFORE SHE WAKES!
"HE MUST NEVER GET THE SCARAB..."
IT'S A SOURCE OF UNTOLD POWER, DIXIE. IN MY RELIGION, SCARABS ARE THE TEARS OF ATUM-RA, SHED IN GRIEF FOR HIS MURDERED SON, THE GOD OF IMMORTALITY, OSIRIS.
IT'S A BUG!
IT COULD DESTROY CITIES, OR OPEN DOORS TO OTHER WORLDS. MIDWINTER WOULD USE IT FOR EVIL.
MILK
OTHER WORLDS? LIKE DRAKULON?
I DON'T KNOW. BUT I KNOW VAMPIRELLA WOULDN'T WANT THAT. IT WOULD ONLY EXPOSE THE WORLD, AND YOU, TO GREAT DANGER.
AND THIS IS MY BATTLE, NOT YOURS.
MISSING

IF THERE'S ANY CHANCE WE CAN BRING HER BACK--
IF THERE IS, I'LL TAKE IT.
WITH MIDWINTER HUNTING ME AGAIN, I HAVE TO GET TO HIM FIRST. ALONE. ARMIES HE KNOWS HOW TO HANDLE, BUT HE'S NEVER BEEN READY FOR ME.
HE'S A TERRITORIAL BEAST, RARELY VENTURING NOW BEYOND HIS NATURAL HABITAT--A TRADITIONAL STRONGHOLD OF EVIL.
HE LIVES IN NEW JERSEY?!!
NO, DIXIE...
"... BERLIN..."
NICE PLACE. KIND OF A NUREMBURG RETRO SCENE, RIGHT?
THE TALISMANS OF THE NEW COSMIC ORDER ARE MORE THAN DECORATIVE--IN THIS SACRED YUGGOTHIC SHRINE, THEY GENERATE AETHERIC ENERGY AND PREVENT YOUR TRANSFORMATIONS.
NO JOKES? CAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?
I TAKE IT ORIGINALITY ISN'T A PRIZED COMMODITY IN YOUR CIRCLE.

AND ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS--OR IS THAT TOO CLICHED FOR YOUR TASTES?
THEN AGAIN, HOW COULD IT BE?
BITCH!
WE'LL TAKE YOU APART, PIECE BY PIECE. YOU'LL BEG US TO STOP --YOU'LL BETRAY ANY FRIEND--PERFORM ANY DISGUSTING ACT
AND THE GODS WILL FEAST ON YOUR ****ING SOUL!
BORRRRR-ING. BEEN THERE, DONE THAT.

WHO SAID YOU COULD START *WITHOUT* ME?
SNAP!
IF YOU CAN'T CONTAIN YOUR *HIGH SPIRITS*, MAX, I'LL HAVE TO *EVISCERATE* YOU.
I GAVE *SPECIFIC* INSTRUCTIONS SHE WAS *NOT* TO BE HARMED *UNTIL* SHE WAS FULLY AWARE.
IS IT HALLOWEEN *ALREADY*, MIDWINTER?
THE TRICK IS ON YOU, *LIEBCHEN*. YOUR *REMAINS* WILL BE *MAX'S* LITTLE TREAT.
CAN I GET A SECOND OPINION ON THAT?
WE'LL *FOREGO* ANAESTHETICS. I WOULDN'T WANT TO ROB YOU OF THE *TOTAL* VIVISECTIONARY *EXPERIENCE*.
I *WILL*, HOWEVER, TAKE MY *SCARAB* BACK.
TOUCH THAT AND I *SWEAR* YOU'LL *REGRET* IT, MIDWINTER!
A MAN SHOULD HAVE *SOME* REGRETS.
YOUR *SCREAMS* WILL CONSOLE ME FOR A LONG, LONG *TIME*...

Painkiller Jane
#1
HOTTER THAN HELL!
HARRIS COMICS
JUNE 1999

BLOOD TYPE

FRIENDS & FIENDS,

Welcome to the latest installment of Vampi's Blood Type! With the recent departure of Harris staffer Seth Biederman, we've been hearing a lot of folks ask: "Where In The World Is Seth?" Well, fret no more, we've decided to start a new feature that will help you discover the answer!

You see, our beloved Seth has decided that the time is nigh to spread some of his warm, smooth Seth-ness throughout all four corners of the globe. And, while we're just as clueless as to his exact whereabouts as the next guy, we've made Mr. Biederman promise to send us a photo of himself from each place he visits so that we—and our readers—can try to identify his location. Pay very close attention, because those of you who send in the correct answers will be eligible for some fabulous Vampi prizes!

And now, on with the letters...

Dear Harris Comics,

I've been a huge Vampirella fan since the seventies, and I collect every Vampirella item I can get and afford. I also draw a lot of Vampirella pics. One day my girlfriend (who is a blonde) asked me to draw Vampirella with blonde hair, so the enclosed pic is what I came up with. It would make both of us very happy if you printed it in an upcoming Vampirella Blood Type letters section of Vampirella. Keep up the great work. Vampirella gets better and better, and sexier.

Sincerely,
John "Carmine" Catanzarite
Orlando, FL

Only her hairdresser knows for sure!

Thanks for the great artwork, "Carmine"! We enjoyed your new take on Vampi so much that we're inviting all our readers to send in their own "altered" Vampi pics. If you've ever wondered what she'd look like with piercings, tattoos, or your mom's favorite evening gown, now's your chance to find out by drawing it yourself and sending it to us! We'll print some of our favorites in an upcoming issue.

Dearest Dreamgirl,

Yet again I am awakened to a life-like existence after reading *Monthly* #0 by Zircher. I am still smoldering due to those images. You are by far the spiciest of creatures for making my blood boil so hard it cooks my brains as well. Zircher does you soooooo right...

I recently bought the entire *Vengeance of Vampirella* cycle and now I have 84 color-comics of my favorite girl. I'm only missing the Wizard mini and 1/2-comic and the Vampi Zero (1994), so I never get bored anymore.

But I keep on daydreaming of you. I am, as you are, in my midst-twenties, so whenever you get tired of Drakulon (and Adam), come on over to Holland and stop by my place anytime...

I also enclosed a pic of myself so you know how I look—one of your biggest fans in Holland.

See you (in my dreams),
Richard Boom
Herten, Holland

P.S. Please ask the Harris Crew to print a Chains of Chaos trade paperback because I can't get them or the Crossover Gallery anywhere. Those are just too hard to find...

Vampi · Boom-Va Va Voom?

Since Richard's letter was addressed directly to Vampi, we felt it only fair to ask her to reply personally...

Whoa! Simmer down, my smoking little Dutch oven! To help quench your thirst for images of me, my pals at Harris will be sending the Crossover Gallery your way, so keep an eye on your mailbox. As far as my availability is concerned, sorry, but Adam and I are together to stay. Nevertheless, I will be sure to put your tantalizing photo in a place where I can be constantly reminded of the friends I have in Europe.

Love,
Vampi

Dear Harris Comics,

I always like to see a Pantha title. I just wish she had a regular comic of her own. I don't buy every issue of Vampi that comes out, but Susan Scott's awesome photo persuaded me! Oh my, I did get a kick out of it. I hope you do a poster of that photo and get her to model again.

On a historical note, the Germans never took Egypt. The SS was more interested in Europe and Russia. The SS unit most interested in acquiring occult phenomena was the Ahnenerbe (who also dealt with the suppression of secret societies). They were based in Vienna and usually worked through civilian middlemen.

[But] perhaps it was all different in Pantha's timeline, and Germany did occupy Egypt.

James Taylor
Middlesex, England

You know, James, we Americans are pretty insufficient when it comes to, uh... knowledge of any kind. So we enlisted our friend and your fellow countryman, David Conway, to respond to your concerns. (Oh yes, and he also happened to write the Pantha issue in question.) Conway writes:

Achtung, James.

Thanks for the letter, and almost full marks on your historical observations. However, in my own defense here, I would point out the following:

-Quite right, the Germans never did occupy Egypt in the history with which you and I are familiar. However, what we're presented with here is an alternate history where some events occurred rather differently than we might otherwise take for granted. The reason for this will become more apparent in later arcs featuring the delightful Herr Doktor.

-Yes, the SS were never active in the region either. However, the reasons for introducing them and the Ahnenerbe (who I didn't mention by name, as I didn't want to presume reader familiarity with the Ahnenerbe Forschung und Laehrgemeinschaft ,to give the organization its full title) fall under the auspices of "dramatic license"—and will have ramifications in related arcs later this year. So keep reading, James.

-Finally, James, on a lighter note, I shouldn't expect comic books (or comic book writers) to be unimpeachable sources of historical accuracy. Try AJP Taylor or Hugh Trevor-Roper, if that's what you want. To inform, entertain and educate? That's the BBC's charter, not mine.

Auf wiedersehen, pet!

Look, but don't touch, James!

Well, James, hope that takes care of your concerns. Anyway, if you liked Susan Scott's portrayal of Vampi, you'll love our Pantha model, featured on the cover of the upcoming issue. To tide you over until its release in June.

Hi,

Due to death and illness in the family, I let my comics pile up at the comic book store where I get them. Today I picked up what they've been holding for me for the last two months and got Vampirella #12. I hadn't realized you printed my picture of Vampi as Uma Thurman as Mrs. Peel!! I am SO HONORED! This is the first time a drawing of mine has been published and in the BEST magazine: Vampirella.

All I can say is THANKS! Best Wishes,

Ernie Ramos
Hattiesburg, MS

P.S. I'm getting extras for my Grandma. Mom's very proud.
P.P.S. I'm so glad Nyx got what she deserved!

Thanks for the flattering comments, Ernie. To show our gratitude (and to keep the chain going), we're printing this photo of editor David Bogart as Vampi as Uma Thurman as Mrs. Peel. Keep up the good work!

Saving the world in style

To whom it may concern:

I went to my mailbox the day I wrote this letter. I was excited to see a package from Harris Comics. I wondered what it could be. I had recently sent my money order in for the Scarlet Legion membership, but I knew the package wasn't big enough for that. I wanted to thank you anyway for my package. The Vampi Holiday Card was nice. I also enjoyed reading the Scarlet Letters Vol. 1, Issue 12 newsletter. The sketches of Vampi's costume evolving were very interesting.

I wanted to enter the new armor contest, but I'm stumped. The artists of Harris do such jaw-dropping work that I can't imagine any better possibilities. I also really appreciated the photos of Julie Strain as Vampi. I don't think any other model could measure up to her portrayal of my favorite hero. She is absolutely gorgeous.

There are a lot of publications of comics, but Harris Comics has to be the best at caring for its readers. I was shocked to receive this package from you. The fact that you took time for me means a lot.

Thanks again.

Scott
Alexandria, AL

Thanks, Scott! We're glad to hear that you're enjoying your membership in the Scarlet Legion. For those who haven't joined yet, now's your chance! Everyone who becomes part of Vampirella's fan club will receive a mailbox full of goodies, just like Scott.

VAMPIRELLA BITES & KISSES

Neil Jorge of Salem, MA. Hang in there, Neil, and send us some sketches soon.

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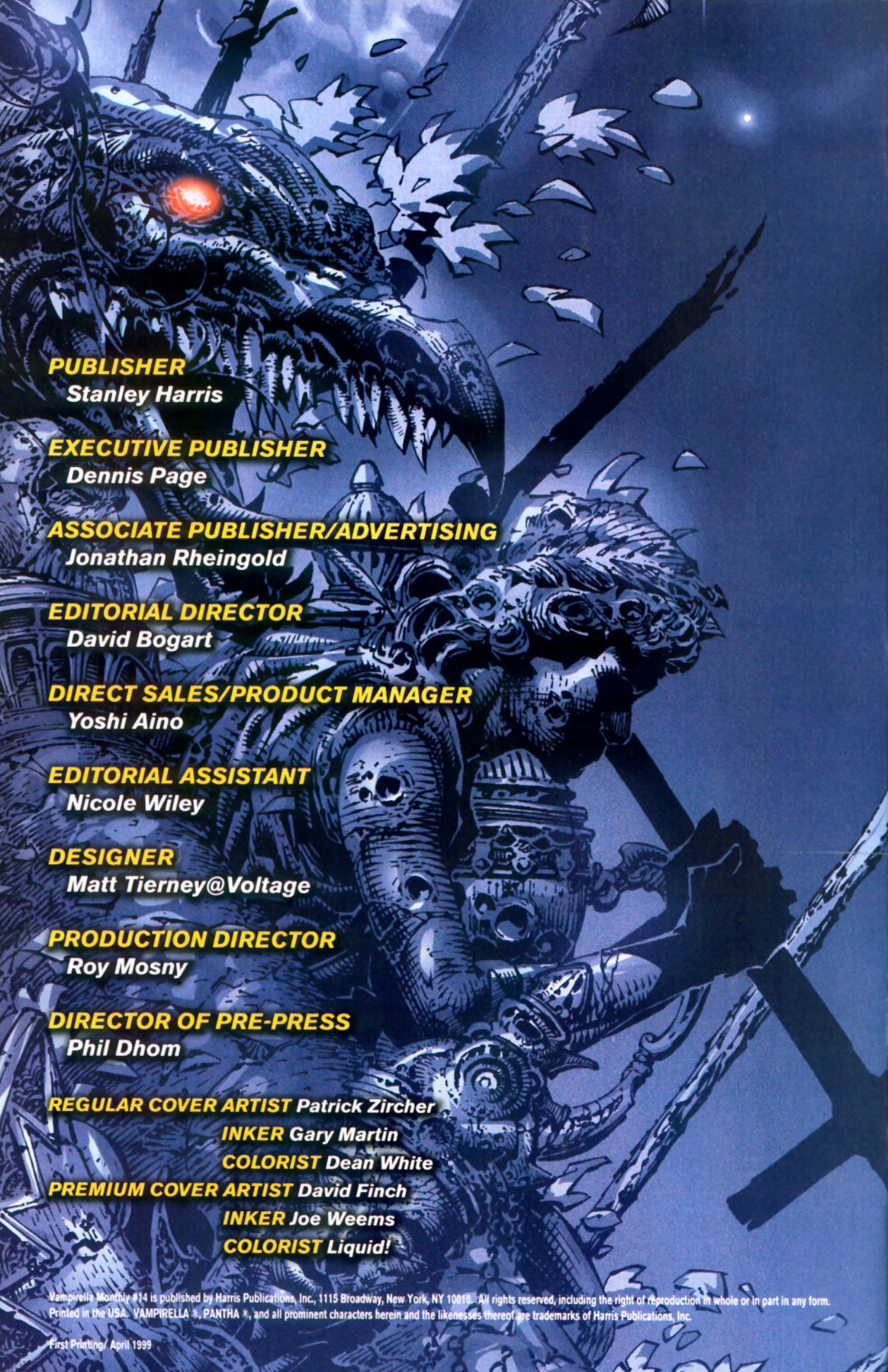

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